steward for a supply, the agent thought proper to corne to Versailles himself instead of writing an answer. He showed the duke his own letter, and it appeared that the duke, who required five hundred louis d'or to be sent him without loss of time, had written to order five hundred millions, and his steward, thinking his master cracked, came to make inquiries into the case.

October ist. Rode to Paris. Dined with Princess Lubomirska. At night the populace were making bonfires and burning Calonne in effigy.

4th. The Princess Lubomirska (now staying with us) tells me there is at present in France, on his travels, an illegitimate son of the Empress of Russia. He has all his father Gregory Orlof s fortune and an unlimited credit wherever he goes. He had only been born three days when Catherine completed the revolution by which her husband was dethroned. Princess Daschkow obliged her to mount her horse, and she remained on horseback nearly twenty-four hours.

Simolin, the Russian ambassador, was lately sounding the praises of Catherine, which only met with an air of dissent on the

countenances of the company. "Au moms," said he, "on doit convenir que c'est une femme trfs rare."—" Heureusement 1 " said one of the bystanders.